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SUBJECT: MARKING OF PACKAGES OF NICARAGUAN FROZEN FOOD
EXPORTED TO U.S.

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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)
AND U.S. CUSTOMS ADVISE THAT DISCLOSURE OF COUNTRY OF
ORIGIN ON CONSUMER PRODUCTS IS REQUIRED. IN CASE OF
PACKAGED VEGETABLES, EACH INDIVIDUAL PACKAGE MUST BE SO
LABELED. THIS REQUIREMENT WOULD NORMALLY BE FULFILLED
BY EXPORTER, ALTHOUGH IMPORTER (SAFEWAY) COULD AFFIX THE
LABELS IN THE U.S.

2. THUS, PRODUCTS DESCRIBED REFTL MUST BE MARKED WITH
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. WE CAN THINK OF TWO POSSIBLE ALTER-
NATIVES: (1) THAT PACKER AND SAFEWAY ARRANGE TO HAVE
ALL INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES MARKED WITH SOME KIND OF ADHESIVE
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LABEL, OR POSSIBLY PACKED IN A SECOND PLASTIC BAG THAT
CARRIES THE PROPER MARKINGS, OR SOME OTHER ARRANGEMENT
IN NICARAGUA PRIOR TO SHIPMENT, OR (2) THAT GOODS BE
SHIPPED IN LARGER CONTAINERS, PROPERLY MARKED, AND

SAFEWAY IN THE U.S. WOULD ASSUME LABELING RESPONSIBILITY.
IN THIS EVENT, THE PACKER SHOULD RECEIVE ASSURANCES FROM

SAFEWAY THAT IT WILL ACCEPT THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND,
IN TURN, SAFEWAY WILL HAVE TO SATISFY THE CUSTOMS OFFICER
AT PORT OF ENTRY, MOST LIKELY IN WRITING, THAT REQUIRE-
MENTS WILL BE FULFILLED. SAFEWAY SHOULD CONTACT CUSTOMS
OFFICER AT PORT OF ENTRY IN ADVANCE TO BE SURE THAT THIS
COURSE OF ACTION IS ACCEPTABLE. KISSINGER

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